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Mr. David Scantling MuckRock, DEPT MR 31832 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Scantling,

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking all documents, reports, files, and electronic mail communications related to the following 12 Improvised Explosive Devise (IED)/Explosively Formed Penetrator (EFP) attacks against United States Forces in Iraq, operating within United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) Area of Responsibility, from October - December 2011. The following attacks were provided: (1) IED/EFP attack on 19 October 2011, occurring at Military Grid Reference System (MGRS) geocoordinate 38SNB3812301530; (2) IED/EFP attack on 22 October 2011, occurring at MGRS geo-coordinate 38SMC2925124269; (3) IED/EFP attack on 24 October 2011, occurring at MGRS geo-coordinate 38SMB472008890; (4) IED/EFP attack on 29 October 2011, occurring at MGRS geo-coordinate 38SMA8445077500; (5) IED/EFP attack on 10 November 2011, occurring at MGRS geo-coordinate 38ROU6274066560; (6) IED/EFP attack on 14 November 2011, occurring at MGRS geo-coordinate 38SNA0132647260; (7) IED/EFP attack on 14 November 2011, occurring at MGRS geo-coordinate 38SMB3241099926; (8) IED/EFP attack on 21 November 2011, occurring at MGRS geo-coordinate 38SMB3470692718; (9) IED/EFP attack on 22 November 2011, occurring at MGRS geo-coordinate 38SMB5437917940; (10) IED/EFP attack on 26 November 2011, occurring at MGRS geo-coordinate 38SMA8737074160; (11) IED/EFP attack on 30 November 2011, occurring at MGRS geo-coordinate 38SMA9136071670; and (12) IED/EFP attack on 13 December 2011, occurring at MGRS geocoordinate 38SNA0064440864.

USCENTCOM conducted a thorough good faith search and located 215 pages. Upon review, I am partially releasing the information to you. The withheld information is exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), applying Executive Order 13526, Classified National Security Information, sections 1.4(c) intelligence activities, sources or methods; and, 1.4(g) vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems relating to the national security or defense against terrorism. Additional information is withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) as it relates to 10 U.S.C. § 130b personnel in overseas, sensitive or routinely deployable units; and (b)(6) personal privacy interests. Additionally, USCENTCOM Chief Resources and Analysis Division, C4 Systems Directorate, previously approved release of a list of attacks against Coalition Forces in Iraq that specifically identify EFPs. One page of that release is responsive to your request and is included in this release.

Accordingly, in my capacity as the Initial Denial Authority for FOIA, by withholding this information, I am partially denying your request under FOIA. No allowable fees could be

charged for this request pursuant to DoD Manual 5400.07. For further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, The Transparency Office, FOIA Public Liaison (Mr. James Hogan) at OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense. The appellate address is ODCMO Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. As an alternative, you may use the Office of the Secretary of Defense FOIA request portal at https://pal.whs.mil/ to submit your appeal electronically, or you can email your appeal to OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil, and state "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Your appeal must be postmarked or submitted electronically within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, cite USCENTCOM's case #17-0112, and clearly mark "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" in your correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at (813) 529-6285, centcom.macdill.centcom-hq.mbx.freedom-of-information-act@mail.mil, and refer to case #17-0112.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Kurilla

Major General, U.S. Army

## Enclosures:

- 1. IED-EFP Attack, 19 Oct 11
- 2. IED-EFP Attack, 22 Oct 11
- 3. IED-EFP Attack, 24 Oct 11
- 4. IED-EFP Attack, 29 Oct 11
- 5. IED-EFP Attack, 10 Nov 11
- 6. IED-EFP Attack, 14 Nov 11
- 7. IED-EFP Attack, 14 Nov 11
- 8. IED-EFP Attack, 21 Nov 11
- 9. IED-EFP Attack, 22 Nov 11
- 10. IED-EFP Attack, 26 Nov 11
- 11. IED-EFP Attack, 30 Nov 11
- 12. IED-EFP Attack, 13 Dec 11
- 13. Table Previously Released